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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/976,054 filed October 15, 2001
Inventors: Nordine CHEIKH *et al.*
Title: Nucleic Acids and Other Molecules Associated with
the Cytokinin Pathway
Atty. Dkt: 16517.256

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136;
2. Amendment and Response; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the statutory fee of \$120 for a one-month extension of time to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.256.

In the event that extensions of time, other than those provided herewith, are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees, other than the \$120 fee for a one-month extension of time, are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16517.256.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures